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**PATENT**

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re: Peter GROER *et al.*

Application No.: 10/563,155

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For: *Method for the Production of a Sweetener Salt Based on Aspartame and Acesulfame*

**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

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Dear Sir:

Prior to examination on the merits, please amend the above-identified patent application as follows to bring it into conformance with United States national stage filing requirements:

**Amendments to the Specification** are provided beginning on Page 2 of this paper.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims beginning on Page 5 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on Page 8 of this paper.

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